

# CAREER News



Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

More exciting events for students in this issue of Career News ... if you are interested in a career in allied healthcare, there is a virtual work experience opportunity from Medic Mentor; if construction is more your thing, then ISG Construction have offered our school a limited number of places on their prestigious virtual work experience scheme. Don't miss out on these amazing offers - you will receive a certificate of completion and a written reference to show to future employers or colleges - as well as discovering a whole lot more about your chosen career area! Look inside for more details and see Miss Berry in the Top Office for application forms (or email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk))



Also in this issue: the latest edition of Careermag for students and parents/carers, news about open events at various colleges, online events from Young Professionals and RateMyApprenticeship, university news, free courses for students and parents/carers and, of course, Career of the Week!

A number of ex-students have kindly offered to come back to Parklands to talk about their careers since leaving school - more details to follow on assemblies/talks, etc. In the meantime, if there is anyone who would like to share their career journeys with students, please get in touch. It really does inspire students to see what jobs there are out in the real world!

Finally, we are re-starting our school Safety Group shortly, so I need a team of Year 8 students to take part. This will involve meetings with a local employer, site visits, making videos, writing reports and working alongside other local high schools. The previous group covered topics such as road safety and mental health at work - and won a national award for their work!

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information - and have a great weekend!

**VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK  
WITH ISG CONSTRUCTION - Deadline for  
applications is October 1st - don't miss out!**



**ISG**

27 September - 1 October 2021



If you're thinking of Law as a possible career I have a really great opportunity to share with you.

On Tuesday October 26th from 9pm - 4pm we will be hosting a Virtual Law Work Experience with Clifford Chance. Clifford Chance are one of the world's biggest law firms and we've teamed up with them to give students nationwide the chance to get an insight into the legal industry within a magic circle firm.

Hear from some of the most experienced lawyers and solicitors as they take us through workshops specifically designed for this event, as well as having the chance to ask your questions to the very best!

If you'd like to attend this rare opportunity make sure to apply quickly to ensure your spot is secured using the link below.

**Law Virtual Work Experience:**

**Tuesday 26th October, 9am - 4pm**

- Partner welcome talk
- An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work (including non law routes)
- Breakout rooms with solicitors talking about different areas of law
- Workshops & interactive sessions

**FREE opportunity but limited spaces**

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Clifford-Chance>



Health Education England has recently completed a discovery report on virtual work experience programmes, that have concluded that these programmes are a valuable adjunct to in-person work experience, especially in our current climate where in-person experiences are extremely limited.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in the following careers: Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and language therapy and Pharmacy.

Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with the **first programme taking place on the 3rd October!**

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community.

Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below.

Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day. You can learn more and students can register for the programme here:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



A photograph of the Cardinal Newman College building, a large brick structure with a prominent gabled roof and a central entrance with a portico supported by columns. A wide set of stone steps leads up to the entrance. The building is surrounded by greenery, including trees and a lawn. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**CARDINAL  
NEWMAN  
COLLEGE**

# OPEN EVENTS

**16 OCT  
& 13 NOV**

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[CARDINALNEWMAN.AC.UK](http://CARDINALNEWMAN.AC.UK)**



### **LJMU Physical Open Days return! [Register now for Saturday 16th October 2021](#)**

Join us at one of our undergraduate open days. Our open days provide the perfect opportunity to see our campus facilities and explore your options.

- Attend subject sessions to find out about the courses that interest you
- Explore our fantastic campus facilities and chat to staff and current students
- Receive information from our experts on all aspects of life at LJMU, from funding advice and student support to accommodation and opportunities to work or study abroad
- View our range of accommodation to see where you could live or discover Liverpool on a guided city tour

### **Subject in focus: LLB (Hons) Law**

The LLB (Hons) Law programme is truly innovative in that you can observe real law in action from Semester 2 of your first year. The core module 'Law in Society' is delivered by our award winning Legal Advice Centre and means you will gain invaluable insight into the pro-bono work that we are proud to undertake, attending solicitor interviews with clients and helping to support access to justice in our city.

Taught in the School of Law, the Law programme is professionally accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board.

LJMU is one of very few law schools currently offering a sandwich year option LLB, which combined with a range of unique features, such as our student mentoring scheme, and our active student law society, will provide you with excellent ways to develop future employment opportunities.

[This video](#) will tell you more about the programme.

### **LJMU to build world's largest robotic telescope**

Liverpool John Moores University will start work on the world's largest robotic telescope after a £4 million boost from the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

The £24 million, four-metre-diameter telescope will be four times more sensitive and ten times faster than the previous record-holder.

The fully robotic telescope will respond quickly to explosive and rapidly-fading astronomical events, offering new opportunities for astronomers globally to understand the Universe.

The New Robotic Telescope (NRT) will be built by an international consortium led by the UK's Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), Spain's University of Oviedo and the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands (IAC).

Dr Chris Copperwheat, LT Astronomer in Charge at LJMU's Astrophysics Research Institute, said: "Speed is key and gives us a view of mysteries of the Universe which have never been observed before.

"So much happens in the night sky that we simply miss because we are on to it too late. The NRT will give us an almost immediate eye onto movements and phenomena, giving us an unprecedented insight into the physics of the changing sky."





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- CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING
- CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNICAL STUDIES

**4.30PM - 7.30PM**

- Monday 11 October 2021 • Monday 8 November 2021
- Monday 31 January 2022 • Monday 25 April 2022

## LEIGH COLLEGE

**4.30PM - 7.30PM**

- Monday 18 October 2021 • Monday 15 November 2021
- Monday 7 February 2022

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# OPEN EVENT

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SIXTH  
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9th October 2021**

Open Morning 10.30am - 1.30pm

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A LEVEL COURSES

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**99%**

OF STUDENTS  
PROGRESS TO  
UNIVERSITY,  
APPRENTICESHIP  
OR EMPLOYMENT



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\*All non-virtual future events to be held at The Sixth Form will be dependent on Public Health England/government guidance

For advice or guidance call **0800 052 1460** or visit [www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk](http://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk)



# VIRTUAL EVENT

Meet and hear from 15  
of the best apprenticeship  
employers in the UK

**20th & 21st October 2021**



**SPACES ARE  
LIMITED!**

**98% of students who attended our virtual event last year said they would attend again...**

So we're back with a brand new event featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, including **Aldi, Deloitte** and **Vodafone**.

This is an opportunity for students to learn more about apprenticeships, discover the opportunities available in 2021/22 AND get exclusive application advice. All in one virtual space.

## **SIGN UP NOW**

You're invited to **RateMyApprenticeship's Virtual Event** on 20th & 21st October.

Featuring 15 of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK, this is your opportunity to:

### **Meet Aldi, Deloitte, Vodafone + more**

- Ask any questions you have about apprenticeships
  - Get exclusive application advice
  - PLUS win prizes!

Spaces are limited, so register NOW to avoid missing out

**The RateMyApprenticeship Team**

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## Find the Right Path for You

Our latest issue of [Careermag for School Leavers](#) is out now!

In our latest edition, you'll find more expert guides, tips and advice to help you get inspired and find the right career path for you!

Featuring four more Sector Spotlight Guides.

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How To Make the Most of Your Final Year at School

UCAS 2022: The Application Process

Top Tips for Getting Work Experience

Earn and Learn Apprenticeship Guide

And More...



Explore our  
Sector Spotlights

Digital

Hospitality

Insurance

Sports & Fitness





# Amazing Apprenticeships

The [September edition](#) of the Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available and includes articles on preparing for the year ahead, apprenticeship and traineeship explainers, supporting students with a disability, apprenticeships in law and more.

## CAREER of the WEEK



## Environmental Careers



As Mr Cunningham and Mrs Dewhurst have been highlighting the importance of environmental action this week, I thought we would look at some of the careers available in the environmental sector. This is predicted to be a growth area (no pun intended!) so read on for more details of where you might fit in ...

An environmental science degree isn't the only route into the sector - explore the different paths into environmental work to see which best suits your skills and ambitions.

Whether you opt for an internship, graduate scheme or environmental apprenticeship, gaining experience is crucial for finding environmental work.

Self-employment is an option in the sector, in areas such as environmental consultancy, but only once you've built up considerable experience and in-depth knowledge.

Entry into some occupations, such as land-based engineering, is only possible with a specific degree. For other careers, including environmental management or conservation, entrants usually study a relevant environmental degree. Science, agriculture, geography or business degrees are considered useful for many roles in this sector.





This is going to be a really fantastic evening packed with lots of really useful information and the opportunity to network and hear from some really senior business professionals.

The job market for students leaving school or university can be tricky and now more than ever we need to help them as much as we can to secure the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to you for our very first parent/carers information evening event.

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance & Capgemini coming to talk to you about how your son/daughter or young person under your care can navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CV's, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your child/young person for the workplace/university.

This event is free of charge and it will be running on **Thursday 30th September**, 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son/daughter or young person, ask questions you want directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. The booking link can be found below here.

**Booking Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>



## **ISG are delivering a virtual work experience week (WOWEX) on 25th October 2021 - 29th October 2021**

We will be offering 20 students aged 15-19 the opportunity to spend a week on work experience with us online. This work experience initiative will introduce young people to a range of careers like Business Development, Surveying, Bid Writing, Estimating, Design Management and Project Management, that young people aren't necessarily familiar with. Our aim is to increase the appeal of the Construction industry and to influence individuals that wouldn't normally consider Construction as a career.

If anyone is interested, please contact Miss Berry ([pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)) for an application form which must be returned as soon as possible (deadline for submissions is 1st October 2021). Be quick as other schools will be invited to take part!

In the meantime have a look at our YouTube video to give you a flavour of what to expect:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-apS0FajNXo&feature=youtu.be>

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is considering a career in the construction industry - don't forget, there is a massive skills shortage at present.

You will receive a certificate of completion to show you have attended the course, plus a written reference to show to future employers. The course runs over five mornings - and is in half term, so no excuses for not taking part!



## Virtual Work Experience Days

Last year some of our students participated in the [largest virtual work experience programme for aspiring medics, dentists and veterinary students](#). These programmes were used by 15,000 students in the last academic year, to help them make an informed decision about their careers.

It is also the largest widening access programme in the country, because it is free for any student from any background. The virtual work experience programme was a resounding success, and feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Health Education England have also acknowledged that virtual work experience programmes are an excellent adjunct to in-person work experience, and we believe that they are also valuable because of their accessibility to all. The Medical Schools will also be accepting virtual work experience as valuable insight opportunities as part of applications this year.

**Applications for the free live virtual work experience programmes have now reopened for Year 10 students.**



### Free Live Virtual Work Experience Programmes for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine

Applications are now open for Academic Year 2021-2022 to participate in the UK's largest national virtual work experience programmes. These are ideal for any aspiring year 10 student considering a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine.

You can apply online using a free application form for each programme:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Dentistry: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/dental-live-virtual-work-experience/>

Veterinary Medicine: <https://medicmentor.co.uk/veterinary-virtual-live-work-experience/>

Each work experience day will take place online via a safe portal and live stream. These usually take place on a Saturday or Sunday each month. Students who complete the programme will be awarded with a certificate acknowledging the completion of their WEX, which they will be able to use to support their UCAS applications.

**PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY - See Miss Berry (top office) for more details**



## STEM and Medicine Career Experiences

Ages 12-18 | At UCL and around the UK

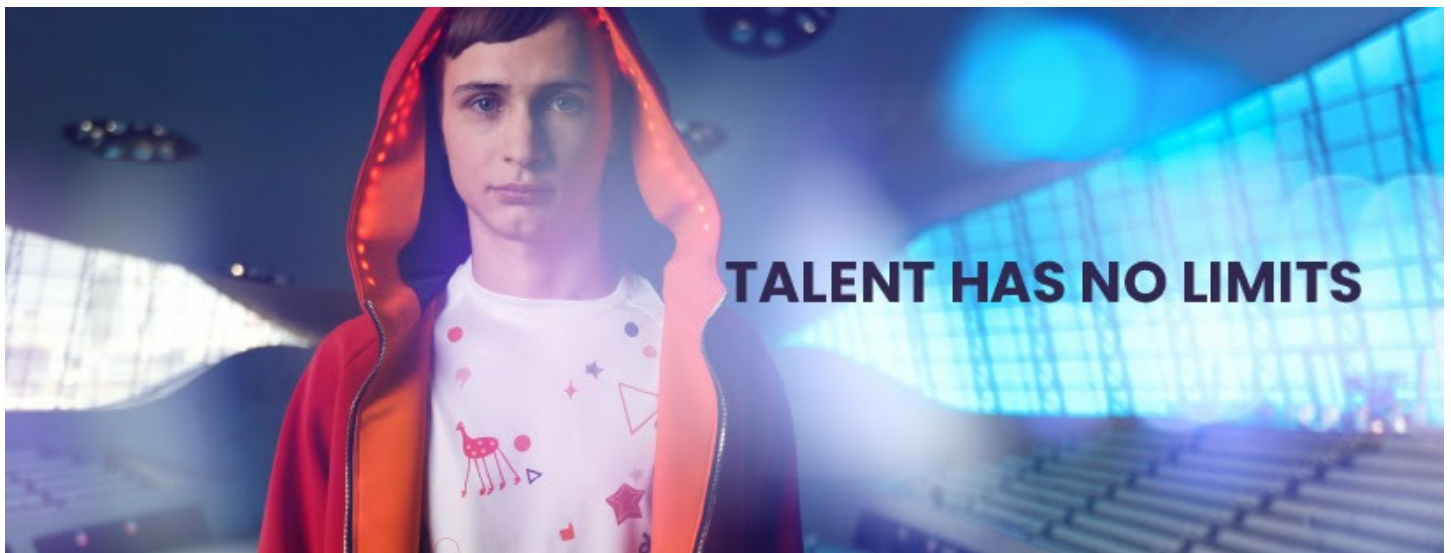
This term we are offering students aged 12-18 immersive weekend experiences in 13 different STEM and Medicine-related careers. Learn from top doctors, engineers, psychologists, investment bankers and more. Students can attend in-person at UCL or online. Other options include the Universities of Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh.

We expect to be fully-booked for many of these programmes by September 30th, so don't delay!

Click on any career below to register for an experience that will supercharge your future.

- [Architecture](#): Use pioneering software to create 3D models
- [Cyber Security](#): Become a white hat hacker and pen-test a 'secure' system
- [Data Science](#): Use big data to salvage a business on the brink of collapse
- [Dentistry](#): Practise fillings and drill into decayed teeth
- [Engineering](#): Use AI to design the next autonomous vehicle
- [Forensic Science](#): Gather evidence, match fingerprints and analyse blood
- [Investment Banking](#): Build a winning portfolio and trade stocks live
- [Medicine](#): Read patient X-rays, ECGs and blood tests
- [Nursing](#): Watch a live wound care demonstration and try it out yourself
- [Psychology](#): Advise the police during a live hostage negotiation
- [Software Engineering](#): Discover the world of full-stack engineering
- [Vet](#): Experience a live veterinary surgery simulation
- [Video Game Designer](#): Build your own spellbinding game in Unity





## TALENT HAS NO LIMITS

We are excited to offer a range of free employer encounters this autumn with opportunities in the following sectors:

- Fashion (Burberry)
- Employability Support (Get into Work)
- Creative Marketing (dentsu)
- Law (RPC)



### Burberry Engage

Burberry Engage is an online platform where young people can connect with Burberry. It aims to help young people in KS4-5 develop new skills and broaden their career horizons through the following:

NEW! Bitesize career videos - new short videos from Burberry employees about their job roles

Employability skills development - bitesize learning modules packed with videos and insights from Burberry experts and mapped to Skills Builder

Digital Mentoring - Burberry employees with a range of jobs are available to answer students' questions about their careers!

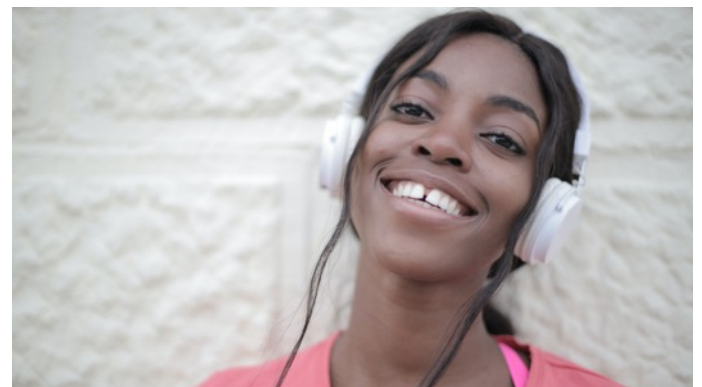
[Go to Burberry Engage](#)



### Get into Work

For students 18+ , we have launched Get into Work, a platform to support career decisions and chat to industry mentors.

Users can access tailored employability content and start 1-2-1 conversations with mentors including apprentices. Find out more and [register here](#) ....

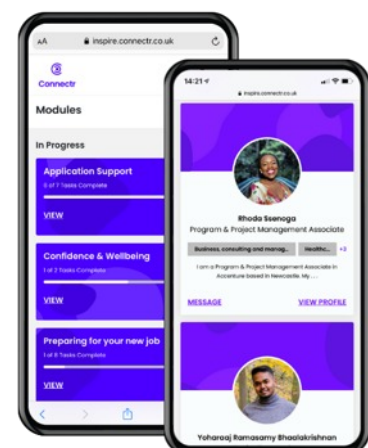


### dentsu Rise Up Challenge

Creative marketing leaders dentsu return with a KS4-5 challenge. A client brief has been set by Cadbury's & Co-op and students can win an invite to a Finale event-where they will pitch their marketing campaign to industry experts, with winners receiving top prizes!

All finalists will receive work experience with dentsu. The challenge closes Thurs 2nd December 2021 and the Finale event is after school in Jan 2022. Students have access to: bitesize modules packed with videos exploring effective marketing techniques and industry expert mentors available to give students feedback on their ideas via the Connectr platform.

[Find out more](#)







## RPC-Law Virtual Work Experience

RPC have just launched a virtual experience programme which will give students an insight into life at a law firm. Students will:

- Complete interactive legal tasks
- Develop skills by working through employability modules
- Learn about life at RPC through employee videos
- Connect with RPC digital mentors available to answer student questions!

# MY KINDA FUTURE



Blackburn  
College



John flies high at  
BAE Systems



Shiza pursues a top  
career in Pharmaceuticals

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# OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

6TH OCTOBER 2021

TUESDAY

19TH OCTOBER 2021

[www.blackburn.ac.uk/open](http://www.blackburn.ac.uk/open)

4.30PM - 8PM

Between May and July 2021 vacancies were at a record high, up 254% over the previous year. With a huge variety of roles, the energy & utilities sector offers excellent opportunities for training and career progression.



[Find your role](#)

Choosing a career in the gas industry opens a huge range of diverse opportunities. Vacancies in the gas industry are up 150% over the previous year. Gas will be key as we transition to a net zero, sustainable energy system.



[Find your role](#)

A career in the water industry presents an opportunity to earn money while protecting the environment in an industry that is vital to society. Vacancies are up 229% over the previous year. Be part of the green revolution.



[Find your role](#)

Vacancies in the power industry are up 150% over the previous year. If you're looking for a career with purpose that will help the country tackle the climate crisis, a role in the power industry is the one for you.



Explore the history of

## British fashion

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### The History of UK Fashion: A Comprehensive Guide

Explore British fashion, from corsets to McCartney

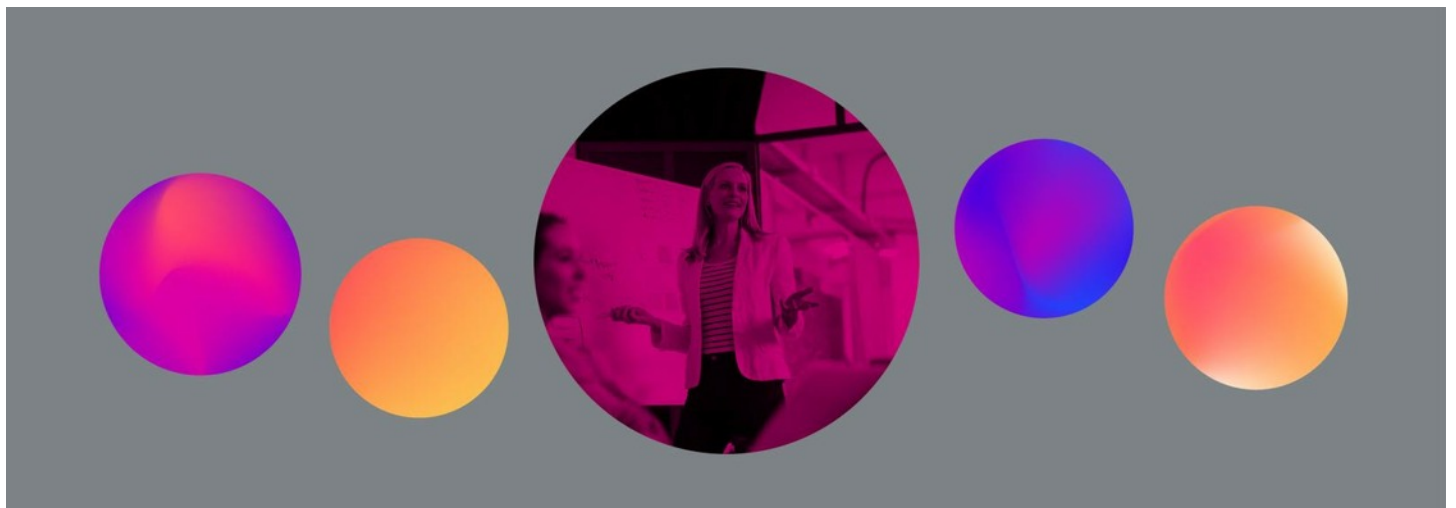


Britain has the fashion industry sewn up – setting global trends and producing international brand names. With its rich history of style and textiles, Britain is a melting pot of fashion ideas and inspiration. On our blog, we explore how the UK sector got to this point, and the courses you can take to make the cut in the business.

[Read the post](#)

### Upskill in fashion today

From world-class short courses to specialist ExpertTracks, FutureLearn has a wealth of courses tailored to help you get ahead in fashion. Explore the courses below, and gain the skills you need to get ahead. [Find a course](#)



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# The Importance of Networking and Why You Should Grow Your Contact List

Adapted from an article by Charlotte Rogers Published on: 13 Sep 2021 ([link](#))

Who has the time every single day to think about their professional network? Probably no one, but you should always be conscious of what is happening in your network and taking small steps to grow it for your own professional benefit. Keeping in contact with people you have met at past jobs, networking events or even people you would love to speak to is the key to helping your career now and in the future. At the moment, we all know the importance of being online and keeping active in your community, but there are more ways than one to build a successful network. Networking doesn't just mean talking to people at events, it can be online, through social media and online work events. It can even mean simply branching out to a new team in your company to meet and engage with new people. You never know who you will meet and how they can help you.

## Let's start with LinkedIn

LinkedIn tends to be where most people start when thinking about their network of contacts and this platform can be one of the easier and more efficient ways of meeting and talking to new people. LinkedIn allows you to find people from your company, past employers, recruiters, and anyone you think that can benefit you. You are able to connect with friends and people from university, typically people you don't necessarily think would be good for your network, but these are the people that can connect you to a whole new world of people.

As well as connecting with other people, you can share relevant news, comment and like other people's posts. There is also a news section, which can help you keep up to date with industry news and articles.

You can use LinkedIn like a virtual CV if you prefer. You can update your profile with job history, qualifications and share information about yourself that can interest recruiters and employers. A lot of job seekers are actually putting a link to their LinkedIn page on their CV, so the employer can learn a little bit more about them. Others can see your likes, posts and how you interact with others on the platform, which can show an employer more about you than a CV can sometimes.

## Events

Being invited to an in-person event can feel like a thing of the past, but they will be making a come back and you should be ready for them. Until that time comes, virtual events have grown in popularity. One event that can be important if you're job seeking, are job fairs and recruitment events. Even if you don't think there is a particular job that stands out to you, simply going and speaking to other people in a business and recruiters can set you up nicely. Just because there isn't anything on offer that sparks your interest now, doesn't mean there won't be in the near future. Getting out there, or going online to share your interest, can make you memorable if you do ever apply for a role with a specific company.

Other industry events can be a great place to find like-minded professionals in your field. Events can often consist of seminars, panels of professionals and a lot of time to talk to colleagues and other professionals in your sector.



These events are created so that people can take some time to learn more about their chosen industry and so companies can find potential employees. You all chose to be there and talking to new people can help you in your own career. It can reassure you that you have chosen the correct route for yourself and can be incredibly inspiring when you talk to other individuals that have the same passion you do about your field. Talking to new people can also result in you finding something new you may want to explore, creating new ideas and potential job routes. Simply talking to someone new can bring new ideas and creativity to explore. It's worth asking for people's contact details while you attend events like these to ensure you can reach them again, it's likely they would like to add you to their network as well.

## So, why is your network so important?

One of the main benefits of networking is the impact it can have on your career. When you get out there (or online) and make the effort to talk to new people, employers etc. you are showing that you are passionate about your career. Investing in these relationships can help you in the future. By communicating and connecting with a wide array of people you can stay on top of the job market, understand trends in your area of expertise and overall talk to people you wouldn't usually get the chance to. It gives you a great number of resources for career development without you even realising. Whether that be working with or for them in the future or simply having a source to put in a good word about you can work wonders. Never underestimate the power of good communication.

Building a good network of supportive people isn't only good for your career, but it can help your mental health. Simply talking to people that understand you can go a really long way. Building your network is something that can take a substantial amount of time, but you should never really stop. Looking for opportunities and people that you think could help you (and you can help them) will help you grow and develop as a person. That is why networking can be so important to a person and not just their career.

